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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.114**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2006. The Applicant notes that a response to the final Office Action was sent to the USPTO by facsimile on July 3, 2006. This Request for Continued Examination shows the same amendments, in the event that the Examiner does not enter the previous amendments. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.